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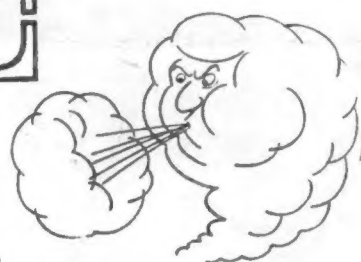


Dedicated to the Collection, Recording and Preservation  
of Tokens and Medals.

## September 1985

### SEPTEMBER IS:

Warm, sunny days with energy at a peak...  
Cool nights when cuddling is such special fun...  
Parents with empty pockets as kids return to school...  
Fruit stands loaded with low-cal goodies...  
Hot kitchens as foods get preserved for winter...  
Hunters eagerly planning to "get the one that got away"...  
Time to take stock of all we accomplished this year...  
Time also to plan for even better times next year...  
September is a SPECIAL month, dropped in between summer  
and fall with most of the good things of the other eleven  
rolled into one glorious SEPTEMBER!!!



If everything is coming your way,  
YOU are in the wrong lane.

Children need models, not critics.

If you hurry to be on time, you'll have to wait;  
if you are early, it'll be cancelled;  
If you are late, you will be TOO late!

Only adults have trouble with  
child-proof caps on bottles.

No matter where you go,  
there you are.



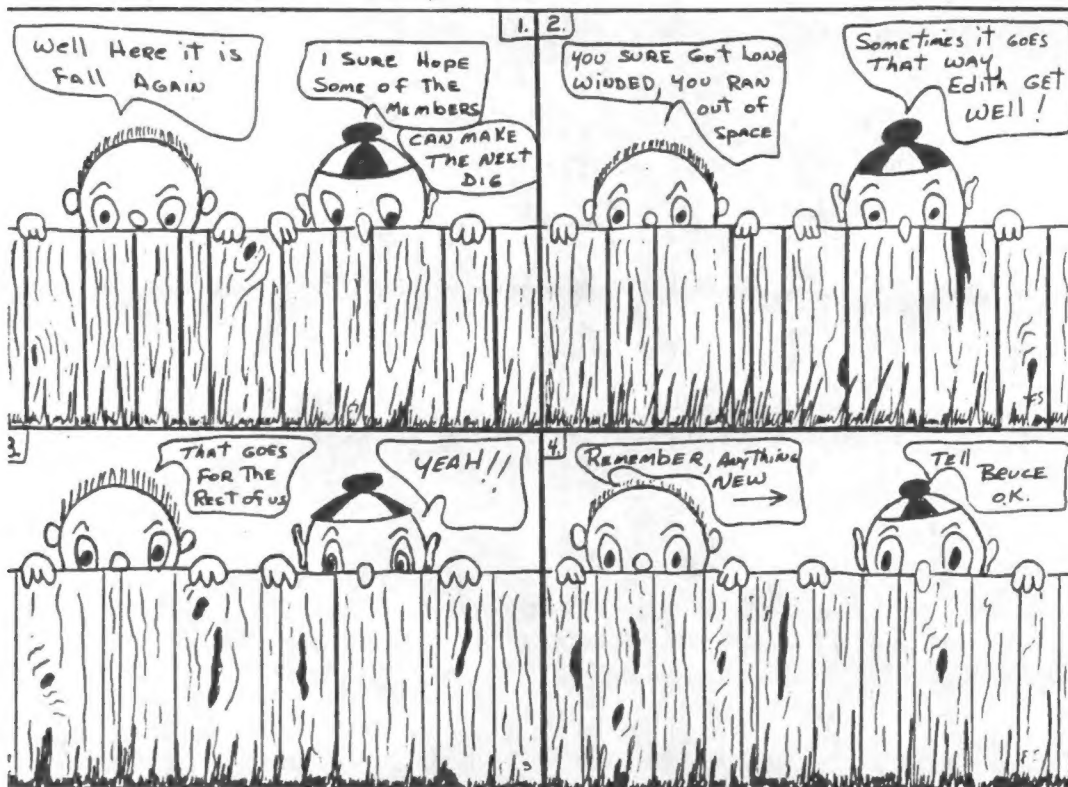


# Let's get lucky !

## ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER DRAWING

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| 1. C H Z, Park City, G.F. 5¢ I.T.                 | R-3      |
| 2. S & L Cigar, 243 St.Str., SLC, G.F. 12½¢ Cigar | R-6      |
| 3. B & S, Salt Lake (holed) G.F. 5¢ I.T.          | Unlisted |
| 4. R. M. Woolley, Garfield, G.F. 12½¢ I.T.        | R-9      |
| 5. Mexican 2 Peso piece                           | GOLD     |

### 8. Lem & Jeb, the Nutter Twins



*From*

*The*



*Head Nut*

Dear Fellow NUTS:

Here we are again---it's September. The kids are back in school and the summer is coming to an end.

Our last scheduled "dig" of the summer was to the Kimberly area over the Labor Day weekend. We visited some of the most beautiful country we've come across in our travels. At nearly 9,000 ft. high up in the Tushar Mountains is the deserted gold camp of KIMBERLY. From 1890's to the late 1930's, Kimberly was a gold producer of the first order. The mountains now are nearly covered with pine trees and quaking aspen. Clear streams of water cascade down the mountain side. The crisp, cool air and the patches of yellowing leaves reminded me that Fall had already come to the high country.

Even with all of this excellent scenery, it wasn't long until we were exploring and metal detecting. By the time we were ready to return to our camp on the Lambson property in Joseph (Saturday evening) we had already made our first discoveries in the way of tokens, bottles and other relics.

Saturday night, as usual, was spent discussing the day's events and generally chewing the fat! When you get a bunch of treasure hunters together, the subjects are varied and sometimes the conversation lasts into the wee hours. But, come Sunday, we were ready to return to Kimberly.

We quickly made our way to Upper Kimberly where Bryan Moulton had discovered the foundations of some houses. After we had parked our cars near the old Annie Laurie Mill, I struck up a conversation with an older gentleman and his wife who had stopped a bit further down the road. It turned out that this gentleman (who's name escapes me!) had lived and worked in Kimberly over 50 years ago. He told me about the Kimberly he remembered and pointed out the ruins of many old buildings, telling me what each of them had been. As I walked into the pines, I felt I sure knew the town better than I had before.

The rest of Sunday was spent digging, hiking, driving, detecting and rockhounding and, although a rainstorm did dampen us a couple of times and sent us running for cover, the day went by quickly as we explored cabins, ruins and mine dumps.

When Monday arrived, we were reluctant to return to Salt Lake City, so we decided to try our luck in the town of ALUNITE. Alunite is a sharp contrast to Kimberly. Sagebrush and cedar trees grow in and around the crumbling foundations. Broken glass

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and fragments of iron seem to cover the townsite. Alunite turned out to be worth the trip, however, as everyone who was metal detecting found coins and other relics from Alunite's past. Needless to say, we all felt the trip had been a success as we headed back to Salt Lake.

Last month (August) was our Annual Club Picnic. It was held at Copperton Park this year. We did a bit of detecting, some trading, and had a great meal. Thanks go out to all who participated and made our picnic a success.

This month we will be back to our regular time and meeting place. Our speaker on September 26th will be Professor Richard Roberts of the Weber State College History Department. Those of you who may be acquainted with Prof. Roberts know he was a member of the group who retraced the route of the Donner Party through Utah several years ago. He will be speaking to us about the early history of Utah before its 1847 settlement by the Mormon pioneers.

Our meeting next month ( October 24th) will be the last Auction of the year, so if you have any items you would like to sell at auction, please bring them to me or one of the other Board Members by October 10th. The usual rules will apply and will be printed in this September issue of Token Hunter as well as in the October issue.

Finally, since it is September and Fall is approaching, there are a few items we should be considering. First, the time is quickly approaching when we will be choosing officers for 1986. Only two months from now the election committee will be presenting a slate of candidates for your consideration.

Secondly, the American Numismatic Association (of which NUTS is a member) will be holding their Mid-Winter Convention in Salt Lake City in February of 1986 and NUTS, as a club, will be represented at the convention. We will be sharing space in the Hospitality Room with the other Utah clubs and plans are being made for our Society to have a booth on the Bourse floor. The booth will, of course, be manned by NUTS members.

Lastly, we are in the process of putting together a token Type Set and we need donations of tokens from the membership. These tokens don't have to be rare or expensive and they don't have to be from any particular state or area. They just need to be nice tokens that can be displayed at Coin Shows and other functions. These tokens will become the property of the Club but your name will be listed as a contributor. The display will be used to promote the National Utah Token Society.

Now, what does all this boil down to? PARTICIPATION! Without the participation of its members no organization can survive. Participation has brought about many changes for the better in our organization. We are now the second largest numismatic group in the State of Utah and we are still growing. Our Society is on the move. Don't sit on the sidelines. Now's the time to lend a hand. Our group can only benefit from YOUR participation!

Well, I guess I'd better climb down off the soap box! I'll be looking for each of you at the meeting.



George Wilson, President



# Diggin's



HOWDY! We've got a lot of varied and interesting finds to report this month so we'll get right down to business!

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A good friend of mine (and future member!) uncovered a CACHE of coins near Devil's Slide recently!! While metal detecting, GLENN MOTZKUS discovered a PRINCE ALBERT tobacco tin full of pre-1964 doins! Unfortunately, all of them were FOREIGN! Glenn still got the old adrenalin pumping with this find!

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I hear that JOHN ATTEBURY found a possible token from ALUNITE! He's not sure yet just what it is but it says to Return To UTAH OIL REFINING CO., VICO OIL. What is almost as interesting is that John had previously dug up looked like a tool check except that it just said VICO on it! Then, in the S.L. Tribune, Sept. 8th, he found a reference to a 1927 Tour Book for the Auto Club which mentions motorists being urged to use Utah Oil Refining Co.'s VICO OIL!

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John also found a unique necklace at the Swap Meet. Suspended from this necklace are two LA VIELLE CIGAR STORE tokens! Sounds like a very exciting find!! John promises to bring these finds to our September meeting.

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I'm sure everyone has seen pennies that have been put on railroad tracks and flattened. HAROLD FRANKE found one of these except it was a TOKEN from the CACTUS CLUB in NEWHOUSE!

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On an earlier trip, HAROLD found a NEWSPAPER AD for the MCGILL CLUB (Nevada) which he sold for gas money! Not bad considering all he did was cut it out of a newspaper glued on an old back! Then, as if he had not found enough, HAROLD also "dug" up a 1896-S BARBER DIME!! (Did you use your metal detector or did you just pick it up??)

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I recently acquired a small group of tokens including a "HEADQUARTERS SALOON" which I've been able to verify as a SLC saloon, 1907.

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On a recent trip to SILVER CITY, my wife LYNN AND I (Bruce) proved the old adage true about never traveling alone. I got my truck and camper stuck TWICE!! While waiting for help the first time, I located the WOODEN NICKEL shown. You can bet this wood will stir memories for a long time! (P.S. Yes, Virginia, there really ARE rattlesnakes in Silver City!! I saw a 3 foot snake near the grove of trees in downtown Silver City and heard another one over in the suburbs!)

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At the UNS Coin Show, I picked up a "scarce" Utah TAX TOKEN! I had recently bid \$8.00 on a like token, but did not get it, so I was excited to pick one up at the Show for 25 cents!!

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NOW, what have YOU found??? I know more NUTS than Glenn, John, Harold and me are finding things! Let us know! Give me a call at 561-2392!!

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...Bruce Robinson



A special welcome to members Monte & Leara Berry of Ogden who joined us in July. We hope to see them frequently at our meetings.

## CORRECTION!

The August issue of TOKEN HUNTER contained a reprint of David Schenkman's column, "World of Exonumia" which was erroneously credited to NUMISMATIC NEWS. This column should have been credited to the Aug. 14th issue of COIN WORLD. Sorry for the mix-up.



# New-mismatist

By Col. Bill Murray, NLG

## Catalogs help beginner

I should tell you that some Maryland tokens have been cataloged. Token catalogs are of two general types. State catalogs I've mentioned, but also many tokens are cataloged on the basis of some other collecting specialty. Catalogs exist for transportation tokens, coal company tokens, lumber company tokens, parking tokens, real estate tokens, military tokens, car wash tokens, amusement tokens, Hard Times tokens and Civil War tokens, to name a few.

If you begin collecting tokens, you should own all of the catalogs you can find, at least on any specialties in which you have interest. If you decide to collect Maryland tokens, all of the above catalogs would be of value to you. While tokens are cheap, the books will set you back several dollars apiece. Since, as I have indicated, few people are true token collectors, the market for such books is small, so most token catalogs are limited editions, and as time goes by they themselves often become collector's items. One good piece of advice, if you do start this interesting hobby, buy the books you want as soon as they come out.

Perhaps the most repeated adage in numismatics is "Buy the book before you buy the coin." In token collecting this premise is still valid, but remember, if the book has not been published yet, buy the token, now.

I've said that tokens are inexpensive and that compared to coins, they are cheap. You can find tokens in flea markets, as I've said. You can find them in antique shops, though often overpriced here as antique dealers often have an unrealistic concept of their value. Ask your friends. You will find many this way, and often they will be happy to give them to you. You can't beat that price!

Coin dealers don't regularly stock them, as they provide little profit and require a lot of effort to categorize, authenticate, identify and prepare for sale. On the other hand, when a dealer buys a coin collection to replenish his stock of coins, he often finds miscellaneous tokens in that collection.

If he is a Maryland dealer, you can expect that many, perhaps most, of those tokens are likely to be from Maryland. He will sell them to you cheaply, usually for 50 cents or \$1, occasionally less, occasionally more. Shortly after you begin to collect tokens, it won't take long, you will be knowing more than the dealer about token values.

Some tokens (notably Colonial tokens, Hard Times tokens, Civil War tokens, transportation tokens, and coal and lumber scrip) cost a bit more than the general run of "good fors" you will find in a dealer's junk box. Partly this is because they are well cataloged, but also partly because they are more popular and more collectors are looking for them. However, even these more popular tokens bring considerably less than coins of the same eras.

An interesting, challenging collection of any of these specialties can be developed without ever expending more than \$10 for a token. However, as with most anything else, as you become more involved, the more likely you are to want the better (rarer) pieces. For these more popular token categories, you could expect to pay several hundred dollars for some tokens.

But you don't have to get involved in these "expensive" areas to have fun collecting tokens. Ask your local dealer and at your coin club for the names of other token collectors. You will find a few. Talk to them. When you do you'll discover some of the most avid collectors in numismatics, and as I said before, most of them will be collectors with a long experience in coin collecting who have turned to token collecting for more fun!

P.S. (I guess P.S. can equal PREscript as well as postscript!) This issue of Coin World is provided free of charge to visitors to the Coin World booth at the American Numismatic Association 94th Anniversary Convention in Baltimore.

This particular column is aimed at newcomers to the hobby who may take the free copy home to read after attendance at the convention. However, residents of states other than Maryland will find that most of what is said in this article relates to their own home states as well. With a little ingenuity and individual effort new collectors in other states can join the fun.

OK, Marylanders, I assume you toured the bourse area of the American Numismatic Association convention and, if you are new to the hobby of numismatics, you were mightily impressed by the wealth of coins, paper money, medals and tokens displayed and offered for sale. Also, I suspect, you were mightily impressed with the wealth that it takes to purchase many of the items you saw. I'm here to tell you that you can have fun in numismatics without having to expend great amounts of money.

Collect tokens — Maryland tokens.

OK, you say, "What is a token?"

The Dictionary of Numismatic Terms, published by the ANA, defines a token as "Usually a piece of durable material appropriately marked and unofficially issued for monetary, advertising, services or other purposes."

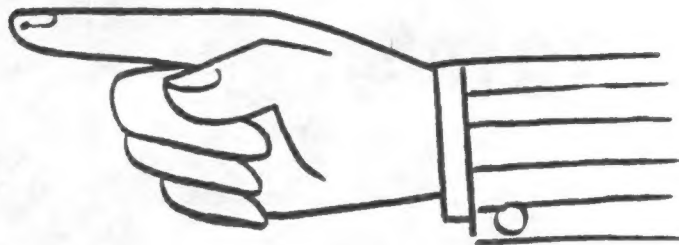
I'm a collector of Arkansas tokens, and when I visit flea markets (good places to find tokens) I often say, "I'm looking for tokens, you know, anything round and flat that looks like a coin, and it doesn't have to be round."

My definition is imprecise, but it often brings one or more tokens out of hiding. Though the word token may be meaningless to many people, virtually everyone has seen, and I suspect most people own, some tokens. Some examples: bus tokens, streetcar tokens, school lunch tokens, wooden nickels, "good fors" (tokens good for a cup of coffee, good for 5 cents on a loaf of bread, good for \$10 on purchase of a piano, and so on), good luck pieces, sports schedules, tokens asking you to vote for someone — well, you get the idea.

Notice that I find tokens at flea markets. I do, and that should tell you that we are talking about items which can be purchased for little money. Supply and demand has its effect on the token market place as elsewhere, and while supply is often limited, persons demanding the tokens are also few in number.

For example I only know of a handful of people who collect Arkansas tokens. One day soon there will be more of them since a catalog on Arkansas tokens has been written and is in the publishing process. As soon as the book is published and available to collectors, more people will start collecting Arkansas tokens. I don't know why this is true, but it is a phenomenon well known in the hobby. Also, when this happens, the price of Arkansas tokens will go up somewhat. They'll still be much cheaper than coins.

Obviously, then, if you start collecting tokens of an area that has not yet been cataloged, you will be truly in on the ground floor. No Maryland catalog yet exists, though I understand that fellow Coin World columnist David E. Schenkman, a token expert from Bryantown, Md., is in the process of preparing one. Now is the time to begin collecting Maryland tokens before the prices go up.



As a fairly new "NEW-MISMATIST" myself, I found this article by Col. Bill Murray very interesting and am re-printing it in the hope that some of our other members who are fairly new to token collecting will also find it helpful.



## Burglars take dealer's coins

John H. Cooper, owner of the J-H-C Coin Shop of Boise, Idaho, has reported a loss of coins valued at \$25,000, as well as guns, taken in an Aug. 29 burglary of his shop.

Recognizable items include a complete year set of Morgan silver dollars in About Uncirculated condition, mounted in a Capital plastic holder; complete sets of Peace dollars (Extremely Fine-AU), Eisenhower and Susan B. Anthony dollars; a plastic-mounted set of Lincoln cents, lacking the 1922

Plain and 1931-S; and a set of type coins, including a 1799 Bust dollar in Very Fine and an 1802 Bust dollar with a large ding on the edge.

Also taken were type sets of quarter dollars and half dollars.

An unique item reported by Cooper to have been taken in the burglary is a 2-inch diameter bust of Christ, with a string of small pearls, inscribed on the back: "To Luella [Parsons] from Jimmy [Durante]" and presented when the Hollywood columnist was hospitalized.

The burglary loot included an 1873 Seated Liberty dime in Fine condition, with a dent in the center; a Hawaiian half dollar and dime; a number of rare date quarter dollars and half dollars; and a quantity of Proof and Mini sets from 1956 to 1984.

Cent dates taken from Cooper's stock included four 1909-S VDB pieces; four 1914-D cents; five 1931-S cents; and an 1870 Indian Head cent. The dealer listed among his losses

a roll of Mint State 65 Walking Liberty half dollars; 10 rolls of silver dollars in EF-AU; and a book of 50 Morgan dollars, all in Mint State.

A number of silver bars and rounds, together with a package of \$2 notes in their original Bureau of Engraving and Printing wrapper also were taken in the burglary.

Persons who might be offered any of this material are urged to call Detective Mack of the Boise Police Department, (208) 377-6752.

Since it is certainly possible that these stolen items (above) MIGHT show up in Utah, we are re-printing this article from "COIN WORLD", Sept. 18th.

Just because your doctor has a name for your condition doesn't mean he knows what it is!



# \*\* THE MARKETPLACE \*\*

One or more of these box areas may be purchased for the Buy-Sell-Trade by Members or Non-Members. Cost is \$4.00 per box for 2 months. Send Ad and check by 10th of the month to 6143 Rainy Lane, Murray, Ut. 84107

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## COMING EVENTS

September 26th is the date for our meeting this month. It will be (as usual) at the Redwood Multi-purpose Center just east of Redwood Road on 31st South and the meeting opens at 7:15 p.m. Our speaker for this meeting is Professor Richard Roberts of Weber State College and his subject will be the early history of Utah BEFORE its 1847 settlement by the Mormons.

Our meeting for next month, OCTOBER, will be held on Thursday, October 24th, at the Redwood Multi-Purpose Center. It will be an AUCTION NIGHT so give a list of the items you wish to auction to our President (or any other officer) on or BEFORE October 14th so it can be printed in the October Token Hunter.



## Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Phil Lavorgna who not only received a membership award from the American Vecturist Association but was also elected to the office of VICE PRESIDENT! Way to go, Phil!!

Frank Sommer, our treasured Treasurer, is now the Father-in-law of a lovely girl, Christine, who married Frank's son, Dan, on September 18th. I'm not sure whether one congratulates the groom's father but Best Wishes to the young couple anyway!!

Certainly CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Gaylen Rust, who was Show Chairman for the Utah Numismatic Society's 22nd Annual Coin Show held Sept. 13-15 at the Salt Palace. From what I saw on Sunday, it was a darned good show.



# Auction

Since next month, October, will be our Auction night, for the benefit of our newer members, here are the Club rules:

1. Each person is limited to 5 lots unless there are too few entries to reach our Total limit of 25 to 30.
2. Total number of lots will be limited to 25 or 30.
3. First-come, first-served. A list of items to be auctioned should go to Edith or another officer ten (10) days prior to the meeting so it can be printed in the Token Hunter. If you wish to bring items to the meeting and have NOT reserved the space, they CAN be auctioned off IF our total limit has not been met.
4. NO ITEM VALUED AT LESS THAN \$1.00 WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO JUNK, PLEASE.
- %. For a minimum reserve protection bid, you will owe the Club 5% of the value if the item DOES NOT sell. On anything sold, you owe the Club 10% of the selling price.



*Maybe YOU?*

Don't forget that ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be coming up in November. Think about what persons you would like to see in the various offices---or, consider running for office yourself. As our President says, the more who participate, the better the Club.

In addition to a slate prepared by the Election Committee, there can be nominations from the floor at the November meeting.

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Be sure to read the flyer below about the First Ever COLLECTORS FAIR. Since many of us collect other things than just Tokens or Coins, it should be very interesting. Let's call get out and support it -- certainly the admission is reasonable and the hours liberal!!!



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